

**APPENDIX
CALIFORNIA CONFIDENTIALITY STATUTES AND REGULATIONS**

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Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Business & Professional Code § 156.1	Records and documents of services for alcohol or drug treatment provided to clients.	Director or Chief deputy director may request an examination and audit by department's internal auditor of all services performed.		
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	Health and Safety Code § 11977	Records of any current or former patient in a Department of Alcohol and Drug Program drug abuse treatment program (including identity, diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment).	<p>Between qualified professionals employed by the treatment or prevention program;</p> <p>With qualified medical persons not employed by the treatment program when necessary for true medical emergency;</p> <p>With qualified personnel in order to conduct scientific research, management audits, financial and compliance audits or program evaluation if the person is not identified in any manner.</p>	By client only if purposes of disclosure are stated in a signed consent.	<p>Parent, guardian or conservator of minor, ward or conservatee may designate in writing persons to whom identify in records may be disclosed.</p> <p>If authorized by court of competent jurisdiction after showing probable cause for search warrant.</p>
Child Abuse	Penal Code § 11167	Information relevant to an investigation of child abuse under the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act.	<p>Information may be given to investigator from child protective agency on case, licensing agency investigating case;</p> <p>The identity of the reporter may be disclosed only between child protective services and counsel representing a child protective agency, or to district attorney in a criminal prosecution, or licensing agency when abuse in out-of-home care is reasonably suspected, or when persons waive confidentiality or by court itself;</p>	The reporter may waive his or her anonymity.	Court order
Child Abuse	Penal Code § 11170	Information obtained from the California Department of Justice's index of child abuse reports.	A child protective agency may make information it obtains from the department's index available to reporting medical practitioner, child custodian, guardian ad litem or counsel or appropriate licensing agency if investigating a new case;		

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Child Abuse	Penal Code § 11167.5	Child abuse reports	<p>The following agencies may obtain reports:</p> <p>Multidisciplinary personnel teams;</p> <p>Persons or agencies responsible for licensing of facilities which care for children;</p> <p>The State Department of Social Services or any county licensing agency which had contracted with the state;</p> <p>Hospital scan teams who are trained to identify child abuse;</p> <p>Coroners and medical examiners when conducting a postmortem examination of a child;</p>		Subpoena by the Board of Prison Terms if parole revocation proceedings are pending against a parolee charged with child abuse.
Child Abuse	Welfare & Institutions Code § 350	<p>In a juvenile dependency mediation proceeding, the testimony of a minor may be taken in chambers and outside the presence of the minor's parents but with the parents' counsel present if they have counsel when:</p> <p>(1) testimony in chambers is necessary to ensure truthful testimony;</p> <p>(2) minor is likely to be intimidated in a formal courtroom setting;</p> <p>(3) the minor is afraid to testify before his or her parents. The parents may have the testimony read back or summarized by counsel.</p>			
Child Abuse	Welfare & Institutions Code §§ 830, 10850	Discussions relative to the disclosure or exchange of otherwise confidential information or writings among multidisciplinary child abuse team members.	A member of a multidisciplinary personnel team engaged in prevention, identification and treatment of child abuse may disclose and exchange information and writing regarding incidents of child abuse that may be a part of a juvenile court record in connection with any program of public social services or otherwise designated as confidential under state law if the member of that team reasonably believes it is generally relevant to the prevention, identification, or treatment of child abuse.		

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Child Abuse	Welfare & Institutions Code § 18961.5	Information regarding families at risk for child abuse or neglect in computerized databases, including only the following: (1) name, address, telephone number and date and place of birth of family members; (2) number assigned to the case by each provider agency; (3) name and telephone number of each employee assigned to the case from each provider agency; (4) date or dates of contact between each provider agency and family member or members.	Information may be only entered into, or disclosed to, provider agency employees designated by the director of each participating provider agency. A provider agency is any agency which has as one of its purposes the prevention, identification, management, or treatment of child abuse or neglect, including social services, children's services, mental health services, probation, law enforcement, and schools.		
Child Custody	Family Code § 3111	Child custody reports prepared by the probation officer, domestic relations investigator or court appointed evaluator.	The report is filed with the court and served on the parties or their attorneys, but is otherwise unavailable.		
Child Custody	Family Code § 3409	Addresses of parties alleging child abuse or domestic violence in custody proceedings which are unknown to the other party.	Addresses are filed only with the court and are otherwise unavailable.		
Child Custody	Family Code § 1818	Family conciliation court information (verbal or written) from parties to the judge, commissioner, or counselor in a proceeding.	Files may be inspected only with written authority of the judge.		

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Education	Education Code §§ 49061-49078	<p>Pupil records which contain information directly related to a student and are maintained by an educational agency or institution.</p> <p>"Pupil records" does not include informal notes related to a pupil compiled by school officer or employee which are not revealed to any person but a substitute.</p> <p>"Directory information" is not confidential. It includes the name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and most recent public or private school attended.</p>	<p>To school officials and employees within local school systems who have legitimate educational interest in the records;</p> <p>To school officials and employees of other public school systems, including correctional facilities, where student intends or is directed to enroll;</p> <p>To federal or state education authorities where information is necessary to audit an education program provided confidentiality is preserved;</p> <p>To other state and local officials to the extent the information is specifically needed pursuant to a state law adopted prior to November 19, 1974;</p> <p>To parents of students over the age of 18 who are dependents under Internal Revenue Code;</p> <p>To student 16 years or older who has completed 10th grade who requests records;</p> <p>To District Attorney conducting truancy program;</p> <p>To prosecuting agency considering whether parent or guardian has failed to comply with the compulsory education law;</p> <p>To probation officer or district attorney conducting criminal investigation or probation violation investigation;</p> <p>To appropriate persons in an emergency if necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or others;</p> <p>To persons responsible for determining eligibility, or compliance with terms of financial aid;</p> <p>To election officials for voter registration;</p> <p>To accrediting organizations;</p> <p>To research organizations or agencies, if the student is not identified, providing confidentiality is assured;</p> <p>To officials and employees at schools where pupil is enrolled or intends to enroll.</p>	By parent, legal guardian, or the student if over the age of 18.	<p>Court order or lawfully issued subpoena.</p> <p>To police authorities investigating the possible kidnapping of the student subject to the record.</p>

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Education	Education Code § 49602	Any information of a personal nature obtained in school counseling disclosed by a student 12 years or older or by a parent or guardian of student who is receiving counseling from a school counselor.	<p>Discussion with psychotherapists, other health care providers, or school nurse only for referring the pupil for treatment;</p> <p>Reporting of child abuse or neglect;</p> <p>Reporting information to the principal or parents of student when there is a reasonable cause to believe disclosure is necessary to avert a clear and present danger to health, safety or welfare of the pupil or the community;</p> <p>Reporting to principal or other school personnel, parents or others outside the school when it appears a crime with the likelihood of personal injury or significant property losses will or has been committed;</p> <p>To aid in the investigation of a crime;</p>	<p>Yes. If a written waiver is read and signed by the pupil to specified persons, then it may be released. (The information is not part of the student record without the written consent of the person who disclosed the information.)</p> <p>If a written waiver is read and signed by the pupil to specified persons, then it may be released.</p>	Court order.
Education	Welfare & Institutions Code § 401	Information obtained by an educational advocate to assist children in foster care through the educational system.	<p>The advocate must comply with all statutory and regulatory provisions regarding confidentiality.</p> <p>The advocate may obtain transcripts, immunization and school health records, and individual education plans. The advocate may send this information to new schools, as well as to the Department of Social Services to update the child's health and education passport.</p>		
Special Education	Education Code § 56347	All individualized special education programs shall be maintained in accordance with state and federal pupil record confidentiality laws.			

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Health	Civil Code § 56 <u>et seq.</u>	Medical Information that is individually identifiable and in the possession of or derived from a patient's medical history, mental or physical condition or treatment.	<p>A provider of health care may disclose medical information to:</p> <p>(1) Providers of health care or other health care professionals or facilities for purposes of diagnosis or treatment of the patient;</p> <p>(2) An insurer, employer, health care service plan, hospital service plan, employee benefit plan, government authority, or any other person or entity responsible for paying for health care services rendered to the patient, to the extent necessary to allow responsibility for payment to be determined and payment to be made;</p> <p>(3) Any person or entity that provides billing, claims management, medical data processing, or other administrative services for providers;</p> <p>(4) Organized committees and agents of professional societies for medical staffs of licensed hospitals, or to licensed health care service plans, or to professional standards review organizations or to utilization and quality control peer review organizations or to persons or organizations insuring, responsible for, or defending professional liability which a provider may incur;</p> <p>(5) Any private or public body responsible for licensing or accrediting the provider of health care. However, no patient identifying medical information may be removed from the premises except as expressly permitted or required elsewhere by law;</p> <p>(6) The county coroner in the course of an investigation by the coroner's office; or</p> <p>(7) Public agencies, clinical investigators, health care research organizations, and accredited public or private nonprofit educational or health care institutions for bona fide research purposes.</p> <p>(8) Other providers in the same group practice prepayment health care plan and the plan for the purposes of administering the plan;</p>	<p>Authorization must be handwritten or in 8-point or larger type and be clearly separated from other language requiring a signature;</p> <p>Be signed by the patient or a valid representative;</p> <p>State the specific uses and limitations of the information to be disclosed;</p> <p>State the entity disclosing the information;</p> <p>State the entity to receive the information;</p> <p>State the specific uses and limitations of information by the entity to receive the information;</p> <p>State the date after which disclosures cannot be made;</p> <p>State that the signer has a right to receive a copy of the authorization.</p>	<p>A provider of health care shall disclose medical information if the disclosure is compelled by any of the following:</p> <p>(1) A court order;</p> <p>(2) By a board, commission, or administrative agency for purposes of adjudication pursuant to its lawful authority;</p> <p>(3) By a party to a proceeding before a court or administrative agency pursuant to a subpoena, subpoena duces tecum, notice to appear, or any provision authorizing discovery in a proceeding before a court or administrative agency;</p> <p>(4) By a board, commission, or administrative agency pursuant to an investigative subpoena;</p> <p>(5) By an arbitrator or arbitration panel, when arbitration is lawfully requested by either party, pursuant to a subpoena duces tecum or any other provision authorizing discovery in a proceeding before an arbitrator or arbitration panel;</p> <p>(6) By a search warrant lawfully issued to a governmental law enforcement agency.</p>

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			<p>(9) To probate court investigators in conservatorship and guardianship proceedings;</p> <p>(10) To a tissue bank processing the tissue of a decedent for transplant;</p> <p>(11) To disaster relief organizations, but limited to basic information including the patient's name, age, sex, city of residence, and general condition.</p> <p>No information so disclosed shall be further disclosed by the recipient in any way which would permit identification of the patient.</p>		

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Health	Evidence Code § 992, <u>et seq.</u>	Privileged communications between patient and physician, including information obtained by an examination of the patient, transmitted between a patient and his physician in the course of that relationship and in confidence, including diagnoses made and the advice given by the physician in the course of that relationship.	Disclosure for the accomplishment of the purpose for which the physician was consulted; There is no privilege: (1) In the context of certain legal proceedings where the patient has made his or here physical condition an issue; (2) If services were sought or obtained to commit a crime or tort; (3) In certain criminal proceedings; (4) In a proceeding to establish a patient's competence; (5) To provide information for a report required by law.	Yes. Privilege may be waived.	Court order.
Health (Medi-Cal)	Government Code § 12528	Medi-Cal information	The Bureau of Medi-Cal fraud shall make available to federal investigators or prosecutors all information in its possession concerning fraud under the Medi-Cal plan. The Bureau of Medi-Cal fraud shall collect information on a statewide basis regarding cases of abuse and neglect of patient's in health facilities receiving Medi-Cal payments and disseminate its conclusions to local law enforcement agencies and regulatory and licensing authorities.		
Health	Health & Safety Code §§ 199.21 <u>et seq.</u>	Results of HIV tests of identified individuals.	By physician ordering the test to other health care providers (not including health care service plans) for the purposes of diagnosis, care, or treatment. Results of a blood test to detect antibodies of AIDS may be disclosed without written authorization of subject to: (1) The subject of the test or their legal representative; (2) The test subject's provider of health care; (3) An agent or employee of the test subject's provider of health care who provide direct patient care and treatment; and (4) The provider of health care who distributes or uses human body parts donated pursuant to the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act. A physician and surgeon may disclose the results of a confirmed positive HIV test to a person reasonably believed to be a spouse, sexual partner, or person who has shared hypodermic needles after notifying patient of his or her intent to notify the patient's contacts. The county health officer may alert these contacts without disclosing any identifying information about the person believed to be infected or the physician mailing the report.	A separate consent is required for each disclosure. Minors under age 12 may not consent to the release of the results of HIV tests.	By court order if the subject of the test is a dependent of the court.
Health	Health and Safety Code § 199.34	Results of HIV tests conducted for purposes of research.	The content of any confidential HIV research record shall be disclosed to the research subject, the legal representative of the research subject if the subject is a minor, or the personal representative of a deceased research subject to whom the record pertains 30 days after written request.		

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Health	Health & Safety Code § 199.42	Public health records relating to AIDS, containing personally identifying information developed or acquired by state or local public health agencies.	<p>Public health records relating to HIV may be disclosed for public health purposes or by written authorization of the person who is subject of the record.</p> <p>State or local public health agencies may disclose personally identifying information in public health records to other local state or federal public health agencies or corroborating medical researchers when confidential information is necessary to carry out any of the duties of the agency or research in the investigation, control or surveillance of disease.</p>	Yes.	No. No confidential public health records shall be disclosed, discoverable or compelled to be produced in any civil, criminal, administrative or other proceeding.
Health	Health & Safety Code § 199.72	Personal data under the California AIDS Project.			Patient-identifying information may be subpoenaed by the state department but the state department shall seek and the court shall issue a protective order keeping this information confidential.
Health	Welfare and Institutions Code § 1768.9	Results of HIV test required of persons committed to the Youth Authority	<p>The chief medical officer of a facility of the Department of Youth Authority may:</p> <p>(1) Disclose results of an HIV test for the probable causative agent to the superintendent or administrator of the facility where the test is confined.</p> <p>(2) When AIDS test results are positive, inform the test subjects' known sexual partners or needle contacts in a Department of Youth Authority facility of the results as long as the test subject's identity is kept confidential.</p> <p>(3) Place results of the tests in the subjects' confidential medical record, which must be kept separate from other case files and records.</p>		
Health	Health & Safety Code §§ 1795 <u>et seq.</u>	Personal access to health care records.	<p>An adult patient may examine his or her own records.</p> <p>Any minor patient or the representative of the minor shall be entitled to inspect patient records pertaining only to health care of a type for which the minor is lawfully authorized to consent.</p> <p>Representatives of a minor shall not be entitled to inspect or obtain copies of minor's patient records, however, if</p> <p>(1) the minor has a right of inspection; or</p> <p>(2) health care provider determines that access to the patient's records requested by the representative would have a detrimental effect on the relationship with the minor patient or the minor's physical safety or psychological well-being.</p>		

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Health	Health & Safety Code § 10125.5	<p>The second section of the certificate of live birth shall be confidential. Such information includes:</p> <p>(1) Birth weight;</p> <p>(2) Pregnancy history;</p> <p>(3) Race and ethnicity of mother and father;</p> <p>(4) Residence address of mother;</p> <p>(5) A blank space for entry of census tract for mother's address;</p> <p>(6) Month prenatal care began and number of prenatal visits;</p> <p>(7) Date of last normal menses;</p> <p>(8) Description of complications of pregnancy and concurrent illnesses, congenital malformation, and any complication of labor and delivery, including surgery; provided that this information is essential medical information and appears in total on the face of the certificate;</p> <p>(9) Mother's and father's occupations and kind of business and industry;</p> <p>(10) Education level of mother and father;</p> <p>(11) Principal source of pay for prenatal care;</p> <p>(12) Expected principal source of pay for delivery;</p> <p>(13) An indication of whether or not the child's parent desires that automatic issuance of a social security number to the child.</p>	<p>Access to portion of certificate of live birth is limited to:</p> <p>(1) The State Department of Health services and staff;</p> <p>(2) The local registrar's staff and local health department staff when approved by the local registrar or local health officer;</p> <p>(3) Persons with valid scientific interest, as determined by state registrar, who are engaged in demographic, epidemiological or other similar studies related to health and who agree to maintain confidentiality;</p> <p>(4) The parent who signed the certificate or, if no parent signed, then the mother;</p> <p>(5) The person named on the certificate;</p> <p>(6) Any person who has petitioned to adopt the person named on the certificate only if he/she can demonstrate that the name and address of the natural parents are necessary to assist him/her in establishing a legal right. Medical necessity will also justify disclosure.</p>		
Health	Health & Safety Code § 10805	<p>All other information collected and analyzed under the Birth Defects Monitoring Program besides allowable communication.</p>	<p>Information is available to authorized program staff and persons with a valid scientific interest who meet qualifications determined by the director who are engaged in demographic, epidemiological or other similar health studies and who agree in writing to maintain confidentiality.</p> <p>Information may be provided to others conducting research besides program staff if they are first reviewed and approved by the director and the State Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects.</p> <p>State department of statistical compilations relating to birth defects and miscarriage may be published if they do not identify individual cases or individual sources of information.</p>		

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Information Practices Act	Civil Code §§ 1798 <u>et seq.</u> (specifically 1798.24 - conditions of disclosure)	<p>No agency may disclose any personal information in a manner that would link the information disclosed to the individual to whom it pertains.</p> <p>An agency is any state office, officer, department, division, bureau, board or commission, but does not include: the California legislature, an agency established under Article VI of the California Constitution (courts), the State Compensation Insurance Fund or a local agency.</p> <p>An agency may decline to disclose personal information to the person to whom it pertains if the information:</p> <p>(1) Is compiled for the purpose of identifying individual criminal offenders and alleged offenders and consists only of identifying data and notations of arrest, the nature and disposition of criminal charges, sentencing, confinement, release and parole and probation status.</p> <p>(2) Is compiled for the purpose of a criminal investigation of suspected criminal activities.</p> <p>(3) Is contained in any record which could identify an individual and which is compiled at any stage of the criminal law enforcement process.</p> <p>(4) Is maintained for the purpose of an investigation of an individual's fitness for licensure or public employment, or of a grievance or complaint, or a suspected civil offense, so long as the information is withheld only so as not to compromise the investigation.</p>	<p>Agencies may disclose confidential information:</p> <p>(1) To the individual to whom the information pertains;</p> <p>(2) With the prior written voluntary consent of the individual to whom the record pertains, but only if such consent has been obtained not more than 30 days before the disclosure or in the time limit agreed to by the individual in the written consent;</p> <p>(3) To the duly appointed guardian or conservator of the individual or a person representing the individual;</p> <p>(4) To those officers, employees, attorneys, agents, or volunteers of the agency which has custody of the information if the disclosure is relevant and necessary in the ordinary course of the performance of their official duties and is related to the purpose for which the information was acquired;</p> <p>(5) To a person, or to another agency where the transfer is necessary for the transferee agency to perform its constitutional or statutory duties and the use is compatible with a purpose for which the information was collected and the use or transfer is accounted for;</p> <p>(6) To a governmental entity when required by state or federal law;</p> <p>(7) Pursuant to the California Public Records Act;</p> <p>(8) To a person who has provided the agency with advance adequate written assurance that the information will be used solely for statistical research or reporting purposes, but only if the information to be disclosed is in a form that will not identify any individual;</p> <p>(9) Pursuant to a determination by the agency that compelling circumstances exist which affect the health or safety of an individual, if upon the disclosure notification is transmitted to the individual to whom the information pertains at his or her last known address;</p> <p>(10) To the State Archives of the State of California;</p> <p>(11) To any person pursuant to a subpoena, court order, or other compulsory legal process if, before the disclosure, the agency reasonably attempts to notify the individual to whom the record pertains, and if the notification is not prohibited by law;</p> <p>(12) To any person pursuant to a search warrant;</p> <p>(13) Pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 1 of Division 2 of the Vehicle Code;</p>		

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		<p>(5) Would compromise the objectivity or fairness of a competitive examination for appointment or promotion in public service, or to determine fitness for licensure, or to determine scholastic aptitude.</p> <p>(6) Pertains to the physical or psychological condition of the individual, if the agency determines that disclosure would be detrimental to the individual;</p> <p>(7) Relates to the settlement of claims for work-related illness or injury and is maintained by the State Compensation Insurance Fund;</p> <p>(8) Is required by statute to be withheld from the individual to whom it pertains.</p>	<p>(14) For the sole purpose of verifying and paying government health care service claims;</p> <p>(15) To a law enforcement or regulatory agency when required for an investigation of unlawful activity or for licensing, certification, or regulatory purposes;</p> <p>(16) To another person or governmental organization to the extent necessary to obtain information from the person or governmental organization as necessary for an investigation by the agency of a failure to comply with a specific state law which the agency is responsible for enforcing;</p> <p>(17) To an adopted person if the information is limited to general background information pertaining to the adopted person's natural parents, provided that the information does not include or reveal the identify of the natural parents;</p> <p>(18) To a child or a grandchild of an adopted person if disclosure is limited to medically necessary information pertaining to the adopted person's natural parents, provided that the information does not include or reveal the identity of the natural parents;</p> <p>(19) To a committee of the Legislature or to a Member of the Legislature, or his or her staff when authorized in writing by the member, where the member has permission to obtain the information from the individual to whom it pertains or where the member provides reasonable assurance that he or she is acting on behalf of the individual;</p> <p>(20) To the University of California or a nonprofit educational institution conducting scientific research, provided the request for information includes assurances for protecting the confidentiality of the information and assurances that the personal identity of the subject shall not be further disclosed in individually identifiable form;</p> <p>(21) To an insurer if authorized by Chapter 5 of Division 4 of the Vehicle Code;</p> <p>(22) To the protection and advocacy agency designated to protect the rights of persons with developmental disabilities or mental illness, provided the information is limited to: name, address, telephone number and any other information necessary to investigate incidents of client abuse or neglect or to obtain client records.</p>		

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Interagency Programs	Welfare & Institutions Code §§ 18986.40-18986.46	All other information besides that specified under allowable communications.	<p>Persons who are trained, qualified, and assigned by their respective agencies to serve on children's multidisciplinary team within integrated children's services programs may disclose and view records on a child or child's family if relevant to formulate plan and deliver services.</p> <p>Members of the child's interdisciplinary services team who receive information on records on children and their families can establish and maintain a database for planning and delivery of services. It can contain demographic data and data on the level of individual involvement for the children. A memorandum of understanding will specify what information can be shared for for what purposes.</p> <p>Every member of the children's multidisciplinary team who receives information on children served by the integrated children's services program shall be under the same obligations and subject to the same confidentiality penalties as the person disclosing or providing that information.</p>	Copies of mental health records, physical health and drug and alcohol records may only be released with the written consent of child's parent, guardian or legal representative. To the extent the records were generated by medical procedures (allowing/requiring the child's consent, the child's consent is required for disclosure.	
Juvenile Justice	Penal Code § 290	Registration of sex offenders which consists of a written statement signed by the offender and his or her fingerprints and photograph.	The statements, photographs and fingerprints required for sex offender registration are not open to inspection by the public or any person other than a regularly employed peace or other law enforcement officer.		

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Juvenile Justice	Welfare & Institutions Code § 781	<p>Juvenile court records from any proceeding to adjudge a person a ward of the court, to take a minor into temporary custody, or for a minor to appear before a probation officer.</p> <p>Within 5 years after jurisdiction has terminated or after the ward has reached 18 years of age, the ward or probation officer may petition the court to seal juvenile court records. If, after a hearing, the court finds that the ward has not been convicted of a felony or any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude and that rehabilitation has been attained to the court's satisfaction, the court shall order that all court records be sealed. When the ward has been found to have committed one of the serious offenses listed in § 707(b), the court shall not order the records sealed until at least three years have elapsed since the commission of the offense.</p>	<p>In any action or proceeding based upon defamation, a court after showing good cause may order the sealed juvenile records be admitted into evidence. Records are to remain confidential and available for inspection only by the court, jury, parties, counsel for the parties and any other person who is authorized by the court to inspect them. Once the action or proceeding is final, the records shall be sealed again.</p>		

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Juvenile Justice	Welfare & Institutions Code § 827	<p>A petition filed in any juvenile court proceeding, reports of the probation officer, and all other documents filed in any such case or made available to the probation officer in making his or her report, or to the judge, referee or other hearing officer, and thereafter retained by the probation officer, judge, referee, or other hearing officer.</p> <p>There is a limited exception to juvenile court record confidentiality in cases involving serious acts of violence.</p>	<p>May be inspected only by court personnel, the district attorney, or a city attorney or city prosecutor authorized to prosecute criminal or juvenile cases under state law, the minor who is the subject of the proceeding, his or her parents or guardian, the attorneys for the parties, and any other person who may be designated by court order of the judge of the juvenile court upon filing a petition therefore.</p> <p>Child protective agencies shall also be entitled to inspect these documents upon the filing of a declaration under penalty of perjury stating that access to these documents is necessary and relevant in connection with and in the course of a criminal investigation or a proceeding brought to declare a person a dependent child or ward of the juvenile court.</p> <p>Written notice that a minor enrolled in a public school in kindergarten or grades 1 to 12, inclusive, has been found by a court to have used, sold, or possessed narcotics or a controlled substance or to have committed any crime listed shall be provided by the court, within 7 days, to the superintendent of the school district or attendance, which information shall be expeditiously transmitted to any teacher, counselor, or administrator with direct supervisorial or disciplinary responsibility over the minor whom the superintendent believes needs this information to work with the pupil in an appropriate fashion, to avoid being needlessly vulnerable or to protect other persons from needless vulnerability.</p> <p>If a minor is removed from public school as a result of the court's finding, the superintendent shall maintain the information in a confidential file and shall defer transmittal of the information received from the court until the minor is returned to public school.</p> <p>Each notice sent by the court shall be stamped with the instruction: "Destroy This Record 12 Months After The Minor Returns to Public School. Unlawful Dissemination of This Information Is A Misdemeanor."</p>		

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Juvenile Justice	Welfare and Institutions Code § 828	<p>Information gathered by law enforcement agency regarding juvenile taken into custody.</p> <p>Information regarding escaped minor from secured detention.</p>	<p>Law enforcement agencies may provide information regarding juvenile taken into custody to another law enforcement agency, including school district police or security guard, or to any person or agency which has a legitimate need for the information for purposes of official disposition of a case.</p> <p>When minor escapes from a secure detention facility, law enforcement agency shall release name and any descriptive information about the minor to a person who specifically requests it or without a request if it would be necessary to assist in recapturing the minor or protecting the public from substantial physical harm.</p>		
Juvenile Justice	Welfare and Institutions Code § 1764	<p>Information in the possession of the Youth Authority regarding persons 16 years of age and older who were committed to the Youth Authority by a court of criminal jurisdiction, or who were committed to the Department of Corrections and were transferred to the Youth Authority.</p> <p>Release of information is not authorized if such release could place any person in peril; threaten Youth Authority security; or if the disclosure would violate the California Public Records Act.</p>	<p>Upon request, the following information shall be disclosed to any member of the public, by the director of the Youth Authority or his/her designee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Name and age of person; (2) Court of commitment and offense that was basis of commitment; (3) Date of Commitment; (4) Institution where person is or was confined; (5) Actions taken by paroling authority regarding person, which relate to parole dates; (6) Date person is scheduled to be released to the community; (7) Date person was placed on parole; (8) Date person was discharged from the jurisdiction of the Youth Authority and basis for discharge; (9) When person has escaped from any institution under the jurisdiction of Youth Authority and physical description of person and circumstances of escape. 		
Juvenile Justice	Welfare and Institutions Code §§ 1764.1, 1764.2		<p>The director or designee may release the information described in § 1764 regarding a person committed to the Youth Authority by a juvenile court for one of the serious offenses listed in § 676(a) to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Any member of the public who requests the information; or (2) The victim of the offense, the next of kin of the victim, or his or her representative, upon request, if the victim or next of kin is identified in the commitment documents, unless the court has ordered that the information be kept confidential. 		

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Juvenile Justice	Welfare & Institutions Code § 1767.6		In parole revocation proceedings, a parolee or his attorney shall receive a copy of any police, arrest and crime reports pertaining to such proceedings. Portions of such reports containing confidential information need not be disclosed if the parolee or his attorney has been notified that confidential information has not been disclosed.		
Juvenile Justice	Welfare and Institutions Code § 1905	Each youth service bureau shall maintain accurate and complete case records, reports, statistics, and other information necessary for the conduct of its programs. They shall establish appropriate written policies and procedures to protect the confidentiality of individual client records.			
Mental Health	Evidence Code § 1010	Confidential communication between patient and psychotherapist includes information obtained by an examination of the patient, transmitted between the patient and his or her psychotherapist in the course of that relationship and in confidence by a means which, so far as the patient is aware, discloses the information to no third persons other than those present to further the interests of the patient . . . or those to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for accomplishment of purpose for which psychotherapist was consulted, and includes a diagnosis made and advice given by the psychotherapist in the course of that relationship.	There is no psychotherapist-patient privilege under the following circumstances: (1) When the patient raises the issue of his or her mental status in a legal proceeding. (2) When a psychotherapist is appointed by the court to examine the patient, except upon request by the patient's lawyer in a criminal proceeding. (3) In any proceeding initiated by the defendant in a criminal action to determine his or her sanity. (4) If the psychotherapist has reason to believe that the patient is dangerous to himself or herself or to the property or person of another, and that disclosure of the communication is necessary to prevent the threatened danger. (5) In a proceeding to establish the patient's competence. (6) As to information that the psychotherapist or the patient is required to report to a public employee or that recorded in a public office, if such report or record is open to public inspection. (7) When the patient is under 16 years of age and the psychotherapist has reasonable cause to believe that the patient has been the victim of a crime and disclosure of the communication is in the child's best interest. (8) When the psychotherapist is obligated to make a report of suspected child abuse under the Child Abuse Reporting Act (Penal Code §§ 11164 <u>et seq.</u>).	Yes. Privilege may be waived.	

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Mental Health	Evidence Code § 1014.5 - Repealed				
Mental Health	Health and Safety Code § 1795.14	<p>Mental health records.</p> <p>When a health care provider determines there is a substantial risk of significant adverse or detrimental consequences to a patient in seeing or receiving a copy of mental health records requested by the patient, the provider may decline to permit inspection or provide copies of the records to the patient, subject to the following conditions:</p> <p>(1) The provider must make a written record of the request and the reasons for denying access.</p> <p>(2) The provider must permit inspection of the records by a physician, surgeon or psychologist designated by the patient.</p> <p>(3) The provider shall inform that patient of the decision to deny access, and inform the patient of his or her right to designate someone to inspect the records.</p> <p>(4) The provider shall indicate in the mental health record whether the patient elected to designate someone to inspect the records.</p>			
Privacy	California Constitution Article I, Section 1	"All persons are by nature free and independent and have inalienable rights. Among these are enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property and pursuing and obtaining safety, happiness and privacy."			

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Privacy	California Vehicle Code § 1808.4	<p>The home address of any of the following persons, that appears in any record of the department, is confidential, if the person requests the confidentiality of that information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Attorney General; (2) State public defender; (3) Members of the Legislature; (4) Judges or court commissioners; (5) District attorneys; (6) Public defenders; (7) Attorneys employed by the Department of Justice, the office of the State Public Defender, or a county office of the district attorney or public defender; (8) Nonsworn police dispatchers; (9) Child abuse investigators or social workers, working in child protective services within a social services department; (10) Active or retired peace officers; (11) Employees of the Department of Corrections, the Department of the Youth Authority, or the Prison Industry Authority; (12) Employees of a city police department or county sheriff's office; (13) Nonsworn employees of federal, state, and local detention facilities (14) Nonsworn personnel in local juvenile halls, camps, ranches, and homes; (15) County counsels assigned to child abuse cases; (16) Investigators employed by the Department of Justice, a county district attorney, or a county public defender; (17) Members of a city council; (18) Members of a board of supervisors; (19) Federal prosecutors and criminal investigators and national park service rangers working in this state; or (20) The spouse or children of persons listed in this section regardless of the spouse or child's place of residence. 	<p>The confidential home address of any of the persons listed shall be disclosed to a court, a law enforcement agency, the State Board of Equalization, or any governmental agency to which under any provision of law, information is required to be furnished from records maintained by the DMV.</p> <p>Any of the following DMV records containing confidential home address shall be open to public inspection if the address is completely obliterated or otherwise removed from the record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Records relating to registration of vehicles; (2) Information contained on an application for a driver's license; (3) Abstracts of convictions; (4) Abstracts of accidents. 		

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School Lunch	Education Code § 49557-49559	<p>The governing board of each school district and each county superintendent of schools shall formulate a plan to ensure that the names of children eligible to receive free or reduced priced meals and milk are not published, posted or announced in any manner, or used for any purposes other than the National School Lunch Program. Eligible children shall not be overtly identified by any means.</p> <p>All applications and records concerning any individual, made or kept by any public officer or agency, in connection with the free or reduced price meal eligibility shall be confidential.</p> <p>All statements regarding pregnant or lactating students who qualify for nutrition program supplements are also to be kept strictly confidential.</p>	Records are open for examination for a purpose directly connected with the administration of free or reduced price meal program or any investigation, prosecution or criminal or civil proceeding conducted in connection with the administration of any such program.		

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Social Services/ Public Benefits	California Department of Social Services: Manual of Policies & Procedures §§ 19-001-19-005.	<p>Name, address and all other information concerning the circumstances of any individual for whom or about whom information is obtained for public social services, including acknowledgement that individual is receiving assistance, is confidential and shall be safeguarded whether written or oral.</p> <p>No disclosure of any information obtained by representative, agent or employee of the county, in the course of his or her duties shall be made to any one other than in the administration of public social services programs.</p> <p>No disclosure of information which identifies by name or address any applicant or recipient or public social services shall be made to federal, state or local legislative bodies and their committees.</p>	<p>Statistical information and social data that is not identified with a particular individual may be released.</p> <p>Confidential information may be released without consent of the applicant/recipient for purposes directly connected with the administration of public social services to:</p> <p>(1) District Attorney or County Counsel; (2) State Department of Social Services, State Department of Health Services and Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and county welfare departments within California; (3) County Auditor; (4) Law Enforcement officials when the applicant/recipient is deceased or when a felony arrest warrant has been issued for the applicant/recipient. Release of such information is limited to data contained within disbursement records for AFDC, special circumstances and social service cases other than child welfare service records; (5) If applicant/recipient sues the state over law governing the administration of public social services, then the attorney representing the state shall have access to all files relating to the plaintiff; (6) To county superintendents of schools and school districts and their representatives, as necessary, for the administration of federally assisted programs which provide assistance in cash, in-hand, or services directly to individuals on the basis of needs; (7) Research organizations if they guarantee in writing that they will meet the conditions and protections of Welfare and Institutions Code § 10850;</p>	<p>Yes. Written consent shall be dated and shall expire one year from the date given unless expressly limited to a shorter period.</p> <p>Telephone authorization may be accepted in lieu of a written consent provided that the applicant/recipient has adequately identified him/herself and should be followed up by a written consent.</p>	

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Social Services/Public Benefits	Unemployment Insurance § 1094-1095	Information obtained in administering unemployment insurance code.	<p>The director shall permit the use of any information in his or her possession to the extent necessary for any of the following purposes:</p> <p>(1) To properly present a claim for benefits;</p> <p>(2) The acquaint a worker or his or her authorized agent with his or her existing or prospective right to benefits;</p> <p>(3) To furnish an employer or his or her authorized agent with information to enable him or her to fully discharge his or her obligations or safeguard his or her rights under this division;</p> <p>(4) To enable an employer to receive a reduction in contribution rate;</p> <p>(5) To enable the Director of Social Services or Director of Health Services, subject to federal law, to verify or determine the eligibility or entitlement of an applicant for, or a recipient of, public social services;</p> <p>(6) To enable county administrators of general relief or assistance to determine entitlement to locally provided general relief or assistance;</p> <p>(7) To enable county district attorneys, or their representatives to seek criminal, civil or administrative remedies in connection with the unlawful application for, or receipt of, public social services;</p> <p>(8) To enable the director or his or her representative to carry out his or her responsibilities under this code;</p> <p>(9) To enable county departments of collection or their representatives to determine entitlement to medical assistance services;</p> <p>(10) To provide any law enforcement agency with the name, address, telephone number, birthdate, social security number, physical description, and names and addresses of present and past employers, of any victim, suspect, missing person, potential witness, or person from whom a felony arrest warrant has been issued, when a request for this information is made by an investigator or peace officer and designated by the head of the law enforcement agency who requests this information in the course of, and as a part of, an investigation into the commission of a crime where there is a reasonable suspicion that the crime is a felony and that the information would lead to relevant evidence;</p>		

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			<p>(11) To provide to, upon written request of, the State Teachers' Retirement System, the Public Employees' Retirement System, or the University Retirement System with information relating to the earnings of any person who is receiving a disability payment from such system;</p> <p>(12) To enable the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Federal Parent Locator Service, to administer its child support enforcement programs;</p> <p>(13) To provide county probation departments with wage and claim information in its possession that will assist those departments in the location of victims of crime who, by state mandate or court order, are entitled to restitution that has been, or can be recovered, and to assist in the collection of money owed to the county or the state by any person who has been directed by state mandate or court order to pay restitution, fines, penalties, assessments, or fees as a result of a violation of law;</p> <p>(14) To provide the Student Aid Commission with information concerning any individuals who are delinquent or in default on guaranteed student loans or who owe repayment of funds received through other financial assistance programs administered by the commission;</p> <p>(15) To provide an authorized governmental agency with any or all relevant information that relates to any specific workers' compensation insurance fraud investigation;</p> <p>(16) To enable the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement to seek criminal, civil, or administrative remedies in connection with the failure to pay or unlawful payment of wages;</p> <p>(17) To provide employment tax information to tax officials of Mexico, if a reciprocal agreement exists.</p>		
Social Services	Unemployment Insurance § 2714	All medical records of the department of social services, except to the extent necessary for proper administration of public social services, are confidential and not to be published or open to public inspection in any way revealing the identity of the claimant or the nature of his or her disability.	The social services department may reveal its records to the Director of Social Services or his or her representatives and may reveal the identity of claimants to the Department of Rehabilitation but the information shall remain confidential and shall not be disclosed except to provide any law enforcement agency with name, address, telephone number, birthdate, social security number, physical description and name and address of present and past employers of any victim, suspect, missing person, potential witness or person for whom felony arrest warrant has been served when request is made by any investigator or peace officer with reasonable suspicion the crime is a felony and information would lead to relevant evidence. The department shall notify all applicants for benefits that release of confidential information from their records will not be protected should there be a felony arrest warrant issued against the applicant or in the event of an investigation by a law enforcement agency.		

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Social Services/ Mental Health	Welfare & Institutions Code §§ 5328, 5328.01, 5328.7	All information and records obtained in the course of providing either voluntary or involuntary services under the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Act, Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, Short-Doyle Act or any services subject to Divisions 4, 4.1, 4.5, 5, 6, or 7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.	<p>Information and records shall be disclosed in the following cases:</p> <p>(1) In communications between qualified professional persons in the provision of services or appropriate referrals, or in the course of conservatorship proceedings;</p> <p>(2) When the patient, with the approval of the physician, licensed psychologist, or social worker who is in charge of the patient, designates persons to whom information or records may be released;</p> <p>(3) To the extent necessary for a recipient to make a claim on behalf of a recipient for aid, insurance or medical assistance;</p> <p>(4) For research, provided that the Director of Mental Health or the Director of Developmental Services designates by regulation, rules for the conduct of research. The rules shall include the requirement that all researchers shall sign an oath of confidentiality.</p> <p>(6) To governmental law enforcement agencies as needed to protect federal and state elective officials and their families;</p> <p>(7) To the Senate Rules Committee or the Assembly Rules Committee for the purposes of legislative investigation authorized by such committee.</p> <p>(8) To the attorney for the patient in any and all proceedings if the patient is unable to sign a release, if the attorney to the satisfaction of the facility identifies himself and that he does represent the interests of the patient;</p> <p>(9) Between persons who are trained and qualified to serve on "multidisciplinary personnel" teams. The information and records sought to be disclosed shall be relevant to the prevention, identification, management, or treatment of an abused child and his or her parents;</p> <p>(10) To the county mental health director or to the director's designee, or to a law enforcement officer or the to the person designated by a law enforcement agency, pursuant to detaining and transporting dangerous or gravely disabled person to facility designated for 72 hour evaluation and treatment;</p> <p>(11) When the patient, in the opinion of his or her psychotherapist, presents a serious danger of violence to a reasonably foreseeable victim or victims, then any of the information or records specified in this section may be released to that person or persons and to law enforcement agencies;</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The consent of the patient, or his or her guardian or conservator shall be obtained before information or records may be disclosed by a professional person employed by a facility to a professional person not employed by the facility who does not have the medical or psychological responsibility for the patient's care. If the recipient of services is a minor, ward or conservatee, his or her parent, guardian, guardian ad litem or conservator may consent to release of information.</p> <p>A separate consent shall be obtained for each separate use with the use specified, the information to be released, the name of the agency or individual to whom the information will be released indicated on the form and the name of the responsible individual who has authorization to release information specified.</p> <p>Other consent provisions:</p> <p>(1) If the recipient of services who applies for life or disability insurance designates in writing the insurer to which records or information may be disclosed;</p> <p>(2) To the attorney for the patient in any and all proceedings upon presentation of a release of information signed by the patient;</p>	<p>Court Order:</p> <p>(1) Information and records may be disclosed to the courts, as necessary to the administration of justice; and</p> <p>(2) Certain state hospital records of certain penal code offenders may be released to law enforcement agencies investigating evidence of a crime upon a showing of probable cause (§ 5328.01)</p>

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			<p>(12) To persons serving on an interagency case management council, where council has attempted to obtain, but consent is not given, provided that justification why records are necessary is put in client's chart;</p> <p>(13) To a committee established by State Department of Mental Health in the development and administration of a medical quality assurance program governing Short-Doyle Medi-Cal services;</p> <p>(14) The director of a state mental health facility may release information he/she deems essential in aiding the apprehension of certain escapees from a state mental health facility.</p>	<p>(3) Information, except that which was given in confidence by members of the person's family, requested by a probation officer charged with the evaluation of the person after his or her conviction of a crime, provided that such information is relevant to the evaluation;</p> <p>(4) To county patients' rights advocates who have been given knowing voluntary authorization by client or a guardian ad litem; and</p> <p>(5) If the patient gives his or her consent, information specifically pertaining to the existence of genetically handicapping conditions may be released to qualified professional persons for purposes of genetic counseling for blood relatives.</p>	

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Social Services/ Public Benefits	Welfare & Institutions Code §§ 10850, 10850.2, 10850.3, 10850.7	All applications and records relating to any form of social services for which grant in aid are received by this state from the U.S. Government (including names and addresses of applicants to a committee or legislative body or lists of persons receiving public social services).	<p>Any county welfare department in the state may release lists of applicants for, or recipients of, public social services to any other county welfare department of the State Department of Social Services including a housing authority;</p> <p>Any county welfare department and state department of social services shall provide any government entity authorized by law to conduct an audit or similar activity in connection with the administration of public social services with access to any public social services applications and records if used for investigating the administration of public social services and if it does not disclose any names except in cases of criminal or civil proceedings in connection with the administration of public social services;</p> <p>Factual information relating to eligibility provided solely by the public assistance recipient contained in applications and records made or kept by any public officer or agency in connection with the administration of any public assistance program shall be open for inspection by the recipient to which the information relates and by any other person authorized in writing by such recipient.</p> <p>In the event of any hearing involving the applicant or recipient regarding the administration of public social services, the attorney or the authorized representative of an applicant or recipient is entitled to inspect the case record prior to or during the hearing.</p> <p>Information may also be released to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Other public agencies when necessary for verifying eligibility or administration of public social services; (2) County superintendents of schools for administration of federally assisted program; (3) Department of Motor Vehicles; (4) State or local law enforcement agency investigating or gathering information regarding criminal acts committed in welfare department office or against any county or state welfare worker. 	Yes. Written authorization shall be dated and signed by the recipient and shall expire one year from the date of execution.	

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			<p>(5) Law enforcement agencies if a felony warrant has been issued for the arrest of the applicant or recipient, but information released limited to name, address, telephone number, birthdate, social security number and physical description.</p> <p>(6) Law enforcement agencies if applicant or recipient is deceased, but information released limited to name, address, telephone number, birthdate, social security number and physical description.</p> <p>(7) To a child abuse or elder/dependent abuse multidisciplinary personnel team, as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code sections 18951 and 15610.</p>		

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Social Services	Welfare & Institutions Code § 11478.1	All files, applications, papers, documents, and records established or maintained by any public entity pursuant to the administration and implementation of the child and spousal support enforcement program shall be confidential, and shall not be open to examination or released for disclosure for any purpose not directly connected with the administration of the child and spousal support enforcement program. No public entity shall disclose any file, application, paper, document, or record, or the information contained therein, except as expressly authorized by this section.	<p>All files, application, papers, documents and records as described in subdivision (b) shall be available and may be used by a public entity for all administrative, civil, or criminal investigations, actions, proceedings, or prosecutions conducted in connection with the administration of the child and spousal support enforcement program.</p> <p>A document requested by a person who wrote, prepared, or furnished the document may be examined by, or disclosed to, that person or his or her designee.</p> <p>The payment history of an obligor pursuant to a support order may be examined by or released to the court, the obligor, or the person on whose behalf enforcement actions are being taken or that person's designee.</p> <p>Public records concerning the conduct of the people's business such as county standards concerning aid and care for indigent and dependent poor, under the Public Records Act (Gov't. Code § 6250 <u>et seq.</u>).</p> <p>To the extent not prohibited by federal law or regulation, information indicating the existence or imminent threat of a crime against a minor child, or location of a concealed, detained, or abducted child or the location of the concealing, detaining or abducting person, may be disclosed to any district attorney, any appropriate law enforcement agency, or to any state or county child protective agency, or may be used in any judicial proceedings to prosecute that crime or to protect the child.</p> <p>The social security number, most recent address, and the place of employment of the absent parent may be released to an authorized person as defined in Section 653(c) of Title 42 of the United States Code, only if the authorized person has filed a request for the information, and only if the information has been provided to the California Parent Locator Service by the federal Parent Locator Service.</p>		After a noticed motion and a finding by the court, in a case in which enforcement actions are being taken, that release or disclosure to the obligor is required by due process of law, the court may order a public entity, which possesses an application, paper, document, or record as described in subdivision (b) to make that item available to the obligor for examination or copying, or to disclose to the obligor the contents of that item.

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Social Services/Public Benefits	Welfare and Institutions Code § 14100.2, 22 Cal. Code Reg. § 50111	<p>All types of information, whether written or oral, concerning a person, made or kept by any public officer or agency for grants-in-aid received by California from the United States government under Title XIX of the Social Security Act are confidential.</p> <p>Information to be safeguarded regarding applicants and recipients includes: names and addresses, medical services provided, social and economic conditions, agency evaluations of personal information and medical data.</p>	<p>These Medi-Cal records may be viewed for purposes directly connected with the administration of the Medi-Cal program and by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee and the Auditor General for the purpose of investigating or auditing the administration of the Medi-Cal program. The identity of any applicant or recipient shall not be disclosed except in a criminal or civil proceeding conducted in connection with the administration of the Medi-Cal program.</p> <p>The State Department of Health Services may make rules and regulations governing the custody, use and preservation of all records papers, files, and communications pertaining to the administration of medical assistance programs.</p> <p>Regulations set forth in CDSS Policies and Procedures Manual 19 apply to these records (22 CCR § 50111)</p>	Yes.	